Sachar Committee Report

1395. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sachar Committee has revealed deprivation among large sections of the muslim population in the country;

(b) the percentage of employment of muslims in the Central Government and private establishment and the credit facility extend to them by the banks for self-employment, agriculture, in relation to the 2001 census, State-wise and the muslim community population wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to create a sub-plan for muslims in the Eleventh Five Year Plan, on the lines of the tribal sub-plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) The report of the Sachar Committee was laid on the table of the House on 30-11-2006. It contains information on employment in government and private sectors on credit and State-wise Muslim community population. A statement on the follow up action on the recommendations of the Sachar Committee has been laid in the House on 31-8-2007.

(c) and (d) There is no decision to have a sub-plan for for muslims in the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

Commission for upliftment of minorities

1396. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to constitute an equal opportunity Commission and formulate a diversity index, to link Government funding to inclusive recruitment policies aimed towards upliftment of minorities.

(b) if so, by when the same would commence operations;

(c) whether people for muslim community are involved in the above exercise and whether they form part of the governing body of the said institutional mechanisms;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MINORTIY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (e) Two Expert Groups have been set up in August, 2007. One group has been set up to examine and determine the structure and functions of an equal opportunity commission and the other to recommend an appropriate diversity index to promote diversity in living, educational and work spaces. The Muslim Community is represented in both the expert groups. The groups had been given three month's time to submit their report. They have requested for some more time.